

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for forming rotatable bases for offices chairs comprising ~~characterized by~~ firmly coupling together at least two half-shells ~~(6, 6")~~ to form ~~overall~~ a plurality of spokes and a central ring (2), each spoke comprising ~~consisting of~~ an elongated monolithic box-shaped body ~~[[,]]~~ ~~and~~ ~~a central ring (4)~~ and
inserting a column into said central ring ~~which a column~~
~~is inserted.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 2
further comprising forming each half shell with cavities and
~~characterized by~~ forming each spoke by having the cavities of ~~each~~
one half-shell facing the cavities of ~~the spokes of~~ the other half-shell.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2,
further comprising joining ~~characterized in that~~ the two half-shells ~~are joined~~ together by welding.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2,
further comprising joining ~~characterized in that~~ the two half-shells ~~are joined~~ together by glueing.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1,
further comprising joining ~~characterized in that~~ the two half-shells ~~are joined~~ together by mechanical coupling.

6. (Currently Amended) An office chair base comprising
a central ring,

a plurality of spokes radially extending along different angles[[,]] from a said central ring, ~~into which is inserted a column inserted into said central ring and~~ supporting a chair seat, wherein each spoke comprises ~~consists of~~ two half-shells firmly coupled to each other ~~so as~~ to form a monolithic box-shaped body.

7.(Currently Amended) A base for office chairs, as claimed in claim 6 wherein ~~characterized in that~~ each half-shell is substantially U-shaped ~~of U-shape~~ with the cavities ~~of the spokes~~ of one half-shell facing the cavities ~~of the spokes~~ of the other half-shell.

8.(Currently Amended) A base as claimed in claim 6, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ for every cross-section, each half-shell has lateral vertical portions and a horizontal portion, the ~~presents~~ lateral vertical portions ~~(14, 14')~~ of having lesser thickness than the thickness of the horizontal portion ~~(10, 10')~~.

9.(Currently Amended) A base as claimed in claim 6, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ each half-shell has ~~presents~~ ribs ~~(12, 12')~~ which are ~~transverse and/or~~ longitudinal to the axis of the spoke.

10.(Currently Amended) A base as claimed in claim 6, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ each spoke has a center and a wheel connection point, each spoke having a ~~(2) presents a total~~ cross-section which narrows from the center ~~centre~~ to the wheel connection point.

11.(Currently Amended) A base as claimed in claim 6, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the two half-shells have ~~present~~ a projecting edge ~~(8, 8')~~ extending along their entire length.

12. (Currently Amended) A base as claimed in claim 6,
wherein said spokes are ~~characterized by being~~ formed of plastic
material.